



## ***PRINCE GEORGE'S 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

The agricultural land area of Prince George's County lies south of Annapolis Road (Route 450) and east of the Capital Beltway (I-95 and I-495). The total land area comprising agricultural land is 47,572 acres with 19,948 acres being tillable farm land. The county's total land area is 311,301 acres with a 2000 population of 801,515 people. The population of Prince George's county increased 10 percent from the 729,268 in 1990 and is the second most populated county in the state. The number of farms in the county decreased 14 percent from 1992 to 1997 to a total of 473 farms.

Nursery and greenhouse crops, and vegetables are the major crops in the county, but tobacco still provides significant farm income. Other crops including corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and pasture add to total farm income or support the livestock production of beef, pork, wool, lamb and milk. A large equine population ranks fourth among Maryland counties.

The county's close proximity to the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area encourages roadside stands and pick-your-own operations for fresh vegetables, strawberries and tree fruits.

The University of Maryland and its tobacco research farm, as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center at Beltsville, are all located within Prince George's County.

## ***PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS***

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Average Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	4,400	135.5	596,000
	<b>2001</b>		4,800	125.0	600,000
	<b>2002</b>		4,600	63.0	290,000
<b>Corn for Silage</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	*	*	*
	<b>2001</b>		*	*	*
	<b>2002</b>		*	*	*
<b>Soybeans</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	5,100	42.7	218,000
	<b>2001</b>		4,900	36.1	177,000
	<b>2002</b>		4,000	16.5	66,000
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	1,500	47.0	70,500
	<b>2001</b>		2,300	50.0	115,000
	<b>2002</b>		1,800	56.7	102,000
<b>Hay</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	8,500	1.6	13,500
	<b>2001</b>		8,000	2.0	16,000
	<b>2002</b>		4,800	1.6	7,500
<b>Barley</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	*	*	*
	<b>2000</b>		*	*	*
	<b>2001</b>		*	*	*
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	600	1,340	804,000
	<b>2001</b>		300	1,400	420,000
	<b>2002</b>		200	1,350	270,000

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 <sup>1</sup></i>	
Corn	18	Oats	<sup>3</sup>	Cattle	16
Wheat	20	Barley	<sup>3</sup>	Hogs	17
Hay	16	Soybeans	20	Sheep	10
Tobacco	4			Milk Production	<sup>3</sup>

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<i>Farm Number &amp; Size</i> <sup>1</sup>	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	683	551	473
Average Size	(acres) 91	99	101
Land in Farms	(acres) 62,308	54,459	47,572
<i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> <sup>1</sup>			
Cattle Inventory	3,646	3,121	3,109
Hog Inventory	4,302	2,557	934
Sheep Inventory	453	1,321	761
<i>Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>		(\$1,000)	
All Products	16,115	21,968	18,708
Crops	14,174	20,084	16,721
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products	1,940	1,884	1,988
<i>Equine, 2002</i>			
<i>Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
7,420	63,610	1,170	
<b>Cash Rents</b>			
		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>2002</b>
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	34.13	35.88
			39.26

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Unranked - Data not published.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish.